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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. 01-02

TO: Brian K. Minaai
Director of Transportation
Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Renaming of the Tetsuo Harano Tunnel
H-3 Freeway

The primary tunnels of the H-3 Freeway were named in honor of Tetsuo Harano, former chief of the Highways Division of the Department of Transportation by concurrent resolution (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 232) of the Legislature in 1994.

Comments raised during the consideration of the concurrent resolution, including selecting a name more sensitive to the area occupied by the H-3 Freeway and the tunnels. Others have since expressed concerns regarding the current name of the tunnels, including the appropriateness of naming such a significant structure after a still living individual.

Moreover, others have expressed a desire to honor the late Governor John A. Burns for his tremendous contributions to Hawaii.

Therefore to honor the contributions of former Governor John A. Burns, the name of the primary tunnels of the H-3 Freeway shall be changed from the "Tetsuo Harano Tunnel" to the "John A. Burns Tunnel" and the H-3 Freeway shall be named the "John A. Burns Freeway."

At the same time, we would like to continue to recognize the contributions of Mr. Harano during his many years of service to the State. Therefore, the control center of the H-3 Freeway shall be named the "Tetsuo Harano Control Center."

Your cooperation in implementing the changes discussed above is appreciated.

BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO

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